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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

S I R :

Please enter the following amendment and reconsider the application in view of the amendment set forth below.

I. Amendment

A. In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Once Amended) [Computerized human communication] A method for using a computer system to arbitrat[ing]e and distribut[ing]e communication over the Internet, the method [system,] including the steps of: